

Increase in electricity tariffs

2049. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Planning Commission has recommended increase in electricity tariff for domestic consumers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, tariff for the sale of electricity to the various categories of consumers is to be determined by the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (SERCs) through a transparent process. The Act and tariff policy notified under the Act envisage progressive reduction in cross subsidies.

Road linkages to Tehri dam rehabilitation colony

2050. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide proper road linkages with SIDCUL industrial area in Haridwar to Tehri dam displaced colony at Mauja Pathri, Suman Nagar, Bahadrabad, Haridwar;

(b) whether Government are aware that the rehabilitation work has not been executed properly by the State agencies and road linkages to the area are in bad shape;

(c) the steps proposed to ensure better and additional road linkage to the area from SIDCUL, Roorkee and Bahadrabad;

(d) whether steps are being taken to monitor the work of the State agencies and to ensure accountability;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) The rehabilitation work of the Tehri Project is being carried out by the Government of Uttaranchal in accordance with the recommendations of the expert Committee constituted by the Government under the Chairmanship of

Prof. Hanumantha Rao and which has been accepted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The Government of Uttaranchal has informed that all facilities including Roads, Electricity, Drinking water supply, Irrigation and other essential community facilities i.e. Schools, Bara Ghar, Shops, Dispensaries, Places of worship, etc. have been provided at Mauja Pathri/ Suman Nagar, Bahadrabad rehabilitation sites in District Haridwar. THDC has informed that the rehabilitation sites were connected with link roads to nearest main road including SIDCUL, Haridwar.

(b) and (c) THDC have informed that all rehabilitation works have been executed by the State agencies as per the policy provisions. The facilities have since been transferred to concerned departments of Government of Uttaranchal for maintenance.

(d) to (f) State P.W.D. being the executing agency of the State for road linkages is accountable to State Government.

Development of Tehri dam area

2051. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to develop the peripheral area around Tehri dam as a world class tourist destination;

(b) if so, the details of schemes planned for the area along with the timeframe;

(c) the details of villages whose land is to be utilized for developing these schemes along with the khasras being developed;

(d) whether a ring road is also planned around the dam along with a bridge at Dobra;

(e) whether hotels and resorts are also being developed; and

(f) if so, the details of the area earmarked for these projects along with the total budgetary allocation?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (f) The State Government of Uttaranchal, Under whose jurisdiction the matter falls, has informed that it is preparing a Master Plan to develop Tehri lake area as tourist centres. The details of the villages to be involved, ring road, etc. would depend on the plan finalized by the State Government.